



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held March 23, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following statement:

"On February 14, 2004 at approximately 6:30 a.m., a house fire broke out at 20859 Cheney Drive in a rural and mountainous area of unincorporated Topanga Canyon within the County's High-Fire Hazard Zone. An alert neighbor, noticing the fire, ran to the home and was able to put it out before it consumed the entire structure and possibly spread to other homes and brush in the area creating a larger conflagration. The occupants of the home, parents with two young children, were thankfully away for the day and there were no injuries. However, the Sheriff's investigators have determined that the fire was not accidental but of a suspicious nature.

"The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is seeking information which may lead to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for this arson fire. The family's insurance company is offering a \$5,000 reward."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board established a \$5,000 reward, to be added to an already established \$5,000 reward fund by the family's insurance company, for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the arson fire at 20859 Cheney Drive, on Saturday, February 14, 2004 at approximately 6:30 a.m., in the unincorporated area of Topanga Canyon.

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Los Angeles County Sheriff's
Arson Explosive Detail Unit

**NOTICE OF \$5,000 REWARD
OFFERED BY THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles is offering a \$5,000 reward. to be added to an already established \$5,000 reward fund by the family's insurance company, for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the arson fire at 20859 Cheney Drive, on Saturday, February 14, 2004 at approximately 6:30 a.m., in the unincorporated area of Topanga Canyon.

Any person having any information related to this crime is requested to call Detective Gary Spencer at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Arson Explosive Detail Unit at (562) 946-7222 and refer to Report No. 104-00995-1032-445.

The terms of the reward provide that:

- The information given that leads to the determination of the identity, the apprehension and conviction of any person or persons must be given no later than June 21, 2004. All reward claims must be in writing and shall be received no later than August 20, 2004.
- The total County payment of any and all rewards shall in no event exceed \$5,000 and no claim shall be paid prior to conviction unless the Board of Supervisors makes a finding of impossibility of conviction due to the death or incapacity of the person or persons responsible for the crime or crimes.
- The County reward may be apportioned between various persons and/or paid for the conviction of various persons as the circumstances fairly dictate.

Any claims for the reward funds should be filed no later than August 20, 2004 with the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors, 500 West Temple Street, Room 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California 90012, Attention: Topanga Canyon Arson Fire Reward Fund. For further information, please call (213) 974-1747.

Si no entiende esta noticia o si necesita mas informacion, favor de llamar a este numero (213) 974-1747.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES